

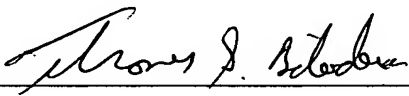
REMARKS


Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments to the claims be entered prior to examination in order to avoid this application incurring a surcharge for the presence of one or more multiple dependent claims. An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: July 16, 2004

FOLEY & LARDNER LLP
Customer Number: 22428
Telephone: (202) 672-5407
Facsimile: (202) 672-5399

By  Reg. No. 26,257

 David A. Blumenthal
Attorney for Applicant
Registration No. 26,257